

Sheffield & Hallamshire County FA  
Senior Challenge Cup 2nd Round Proper



versus

**SHEFFIELD F.C.**

at the  
**AVESTA SHEFFIELD SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB**  
Saturday 12th December 1998  
Kick Off 1pm

Programme & Admission  
£1 Donation

## AVESTA SHEFFIELD FC

Members of the British Industrial Reclamation  
County Senior League

Avesta Sheffield Sports & Social Club, Bawtry Road, Sheffield

On behalf of everyone at Avesta I would like to welcome you all to today's Senior Cup Tie, and an especially warm welcome to our neighbours Sheffield FC. After the disappointment of not being able to face Doncaster in round 1 we can look forward to today's game with relish and hope for an entertaining and sporting contest.

The goings on surrounding the Doncaster game have been well documented elsewhere so I won't go into the rights and wrongs of the politics of it, but it is a big disappointment when a club of Doncaster's stature should be paying a visit to a club such as ours and then it doesn't materialise. Still it means we are through to round 2 proper and I can only hope we put on a performance to be proud of this afternoon.

Should it be necessary there will be extra time and penalties to decide today's game, there will not be a replay.

A glance at the league standings would

suggest that so far this season we have struggled somewhat in the league, but this can be put down to a number of factors. Firstly and most obvious, is the fact that we have played fewer games than anyone else! Then there is the fact that this season we have had a number of changes in playing personnel; a number of the more senior players have moved on to the over 35's side and this has meant that we have had to introduce around half a dozen newcomers to the squad, most of whom are very young. This has led to a settling in period as the squad begins to find it's feet, but as last weeks League Cup to at Premier Division Frecheville showed, we are not that far from blending into a more than useful side. It was good to be complemented by the opposition on the way we played and I hope that last week's game will be a turning point in our fortunes this season.

Denis Gervis (Manager)

### Results from Round One

Emley 2 Pangate 2 (replay Pangate 0 Emley 4)  
Maltby Main 0 Frickley 3  
Roxington Main 0 Hare & Hounds 3  
Haslem 0 Wombwell Main 1  
Densby United 0 South Kirby 0  
Pannemore Sports 3 Brodsworth MW 0  
Sheffield Lane Top 0 Stockbridge PS 7  
Worsbrough Bridge 1 High Green YCs 0  
Yorkshire Main 1 Sheffield 3  
Grimsythorpe 0 Harworth Cl 1  
Thorpe Hasley 2 Frecheville CA 1  
Mexborough Ath 2 Sheffield Barkers 7  
ABS Kilmurton 1 Asherley Res 3  
Avesta Sheffield w/o Doncaster Rovers  
Norton Woodwards 1 NCB Maltby MW 2

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE										
Premier Div.	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt			
Osselt Town	10	10	3	0	34	11	33			
Genethorpe Town	10	10	2	0	40	28	33			
High Fensley Utd	14	8	5	1	34	18	29			
Sheffoile	10	9	3	7	32	28	26			
Osselt Albion	14	9	1	4	31	14	20			
Thackley	15	8	1	5	36	20	26			
Brigg Town	15	7	5	3	39	20	26			
Euxton	10	7	8	4	25	17	24			
Emthorpe West	17	8	0	5	31	22	24			
Glossaughton	16	7	3	6	30	24	24			
Densby United	16	5	6	7	23	20	23			
Hatfield	14	7	4	3	31	20	21			
Selsby Town	16	5	5	7	27	26	21			
Liversedge	17	0	1	8	32	27	16			
Gravelly MvV 2	15	3	3	5	21	30	16			
Amold Town	14	4	3	7	23	22	16			
Eccleshill United	15	4	2	9	15	31	14			
Maltby Main	19	4	2	13	19	42	14			
Pickering Town	16	1	3	11	27	45	6			
Priest Colls -2	17	1	2	14	17	54	3			

## The History of Sheffield FC

The World's Oldest Football Club Sheffield FC, was formed in a greenhouse off East Bank Road on 24th October 1857 by two army officers stationed at Hillsborough Barracks. Prior to this remarkable date, there had been a variety of winter ball games played. These had usually been confined to the hallowed turf of England's Public Schools such as Rugby, Charterhouse and Eton, with each school having it's own set of individual rules. Colonel Nathaniel Creswick and Major William Prest had the idea of developing a game which could be played by everyone using a standard and simple set of rules. They wrote to the leading Public Schools for copies of their respective rules and after studying these, Creswick and Prest drew up a code which embraced the best features of all the rules. At the same time they formulated the regulations for the government of a club to play the new game. This was the first constitution of a Football Club - Sheffield Football Club was born!

By 1862, fifteen clubs had been formed in Sheffield but from now until the start of the professional era Sheffield Football Club was the dominant force in the game. In 1863 Mr. Harry Chambers an official of Sheffield FC was present at a meeting that launched the English Football Association which was responsible for the growth of the game throughout the country. It was in 1872 that the first ever 'international' football match was played between England and Scotland, and Sheffield Football Club was represented in the England team by the legendary Sir Charles 'J.C.' Clegg. 'J.C.' went on to become a league referee and officiated at the FA Cup Finals of 1882 and 1892 before eventually becoming, at the ripe old age of 73, the President of the English Football Association in 1923. He was subsequently knighted for his services to football in 1927. During this period Sheffield had what is possibly their finest hour, when in 1904 they won the FA Amateur Cup, beating Ealing FC by a single goal at Valley Parade, Bradford.

As the game became more popular, professional players were introduced into the ranks of many teams. Sheffield Football Club stubbornly fought against professionalism and refused to allow anyone to play for them who was not an amateur. Sadly this coincided with less frequent success on the field of play which entered a period of decline. Whilst the game continued to grow in popularity throughout the world, Sheffield FC, the club which started it all, experienced many financial difficulties and has only just managed to maintain its existence.

The highlight of recent years came in 1977 when they reached the FA Vase Final at Wembley Stadium. Their opponents that day were Blueray Town and the score at the end of extra time was tied at 1-1. Sadly, Sheffield lost the replay at The City Ground, Nottingham, a week later. More recently, Sheffield FC were Champions of the Northern Counties East League Division One in 1988-89 and 1990-91. In 1993-94 the club won the Sheffield Senior Cup, beating Worksop Town in the final.

From East Bank Road to O'ke Grove and then to Broom Lane. Then after many years playing at Abbeydale Park, recent years have seen the club leading something of a nomadic existence, playing at Hillsborough Park, Sheffield Wednesday's Mordenwood Road training ground, Don Valley Stadium and Charlton Stadium. Sheffield Football Club are now back at Don Valley Stadium. However, plans are afoot to provide a more permanent home, possibly in time for the new millennium. Hopefully this will usher in an era of success which will put The Oldest Football Club in The World back in the limelight.

## AVESTA SHEFFIELD F.C

### FROM

- 1 Gavin SHEPHERD
- 2 Robert PRATT
- 3 Scott Roberts
- 4 Russ PHILLIPS
- 5 Darren GERVIS
- 6 Dave BURTON
- 7 Paul WHEATLEY
- 8 David TAYLOR
- 9 John TALBOT
- 10 David PICKERING
- 11 Sean O'CONNOR
- 12 David MOORE
- 13 Tim EDGE
- 14 Sean McCALL
- 15 Jason HODSON
- 16 Andrew GUEST
- 17 Sean SCHOFIELD
- 18 Colin MIDDLETON

### SHEFFIELD F.C.

- 1 Richard HARRISON
- 2 Paul SYKES
- 3 Lee MYERS
- 4 Martin THOMSON
- 5 Neil JENKINSON
- 6 Richard SHIPSTONE
- 7 Richard DAVENPORT
- 8 Paul NASIM
- 9 Mark SMITH
- 10 Jamie CREAGHAN
- 11 Craig McCORMICK
- 12 Roger McKENZIE
- 14 John HARKER
- 15 Steve THORPE

### Manager:

Denis Gervis

### Assistant Manager:

Simon Gervis

### Colours:

Avesta Sheffield: Blue & White

Sheffield FC: Red & Black

### Match Officials

#### Referee

S.R.M. Proctor-Green

#### Assistant Referees

L.W.Brewer

and

M.Carratt

### Round Two

Atherley Resc	v	Hors G-Hounds
Avesta Sheffield	v	Sheffield FC
Densby Urod	v	Worsbrough Bridge
Emley	v	NCB Meltham
Frickley Ath	v	Sheffield Bankers
Harworth CI	v	Workshop Town
Parramore Sports	v	Wombwell Fish
Thorpe Hesley	v	Stocksbridge PS

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Avesta Sheffield would like to welcome all players, supporters & officials to today's game, and a very warm welcome to County FA Representative Mr G.Burgess.